



The Rage Page



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Less than a week separates us from the end of the fall semester and winter break, but the Wolverines still have work to do on the court. The Alabama A&M Bulldogs make the 631-mile trip from Normal on the heels of two straight weeks without a game. A well-rested team playing with nothing to lose against a top-20 opponent can often provide a scare, and no Division I team can be taken lightly. It's time to take a break from exams and let your stress out by cheering as loud as you can to keep our team's home record perfect. For many of us, this is our last chance to see the Maize and Blue in person until the new year, providing you with all the more reason to make noise. It's time to show these Bulldogs that they have nothing on the Wolverines, so stand up, be loud, and Go Blue!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Alabama A&M Bulldogs (2-3, 0-0 SWAC):

10	Jeremy Crutcher	5'8"	G	The 160-pound sophomore from Hazel Green, AL is shooting 30% from downtown (up from 28% last season) and turns the ball over 3.4 times/game.
40	Brandon Ellis	6'3"	G	Sophomore from Robertsdale, AL wants to major in accounting and minor in education; putting up five points a game on 36% FG shooting
30	Demarquelle Tabb	6'5"	G/F	Known as "Mr. 09" on MySpace, Tabb shoots his free throws (51.5%) just <i>slightly</i> better than field goals (51.2%).
4	Casey Cantey	6'5"	G/F	The senior from Demopolis, AL leads the team in scoring with 13.6 ppg but was interestingly benched to start their recent game against South Alabama.
55	Jerome Hunter	6'10"	F/C	The sophomore and second-tallest player on the team hails from Buffalo and shoots an impressive 50% from the free throw line.
Coach	Willie Hayes			Apparently shares his name with a former Irish soccer goalie who played in a whopping one international game, whom Wikipedia recognizes as being more famous. This Hayes played for the Bulldogs and is the first-year head coach.

**To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead Demarquelle Tabb is now the "Player to Watch".*

Home Cooking: If Alabama A&M does one thing well, it is recruit their home state; of the 16 players listed on the roster, 11 of them are from Alabama. In addition to four starters (Tabb is from Greensboro, AL), **Justan Banks (#00)** is from Oxford, **Eddie Hardy (#11)** and **Derrick Mosley (#35)** are from Birmingham, **Jose Long (#20)** reigns from Madison, **Marcus Lee (#24)** hails from Newbern, **Devin Colman (#45)** is from Camden, and **Diamon Alexander (#54)** is from Huntsville. Surprisingly, Alexander does not appear to be related to our own Bacari Alexander. Diamon does, however, appear to be slightly older than our assistant. The three remaining states represented on the Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University roster are Georgia, Texas, and New York.

Former Teammates: Jerome Hunter should be pretty familiar with fellow sophomore teammate **Reginald Martin (#50)**. After attending Queen City Preparatory Academy in Buffalo, NY, Hunter and Martin both committed to play for Alabama A&M and have thus far stuck with their word.

Name Game: After finishing last season at 13-15 (10-8 SWAC), with key wins coming over the likes of Talladega, Tuskegee, and Martin Methodist, the Bulldogs look to new coach Willie Hayes to improve. Unfortunately, Hayes may be spending more time getting his players names straight than he would like. Brandon Ellis and **Brandon Allen (#42)** and Jeremy Crutcher and **Jeremy Ingram (#22)** both share first names and are certain to give Hayes fits. Moreover, five players' names start with the letter "J" and four with "D". Good luck getting the names down Willie.

Briefly: No information is listed on the player bios on Alabama A&M's official site other than high school and hometown...Allen has no high school listed on the site...American Idol Ruben Studdard is by far A&M's most famous alum (he played football for them).

THE REST OF THE BULLDOGS: #12 Green Hill

- AAMU's Free Throws: Listen in to the center of the Rage where the chant will be started, and follow along with one of these:
- You Will Miss! You Will Miss! You Will Miss! (And upon a miss, yell "Thank you")
 - Gooooo!! Bluuuuuuue!! (with the rest of the crowd)
 - Sing The Victors (listen for the "1, 2, you know what to do!")
 - Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

Keep it classy, Rage: As one of college basketball's premiere student sections, it's important that we refrain from swearing and making other negative slurs throughout the game. The University of Michigan is an institution of class, and as a collective representative of the University, we need to uphold this standard. It's cool to razz the opposition, but keep it clean, Ragers.

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MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (8-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11"	G	Since shooting 3-11 for threes against Iowa St, Trey has shot 6-11 in 2 games.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	He's so tough that if you google image search his name, there will be blood.
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5"	G	Hardaway, Jr. hasn't been showing any signs of a sophomore slump; he's averaging 15.6 ppg while shooting 47% from the field.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	After going through his offseason body improvements of adding 36 pounds of muscle, Evan leads the team in rebounds with 5.9 per game.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	J-Mo played only 21 minutes, scoring just 2 points with 5 rebounds.
Coach	John Beilein			When Coach Beilein comes out of the locker room to chants of his name, it's guaranteed we will give a little wave to the Maize Rage.

Trey, for Three: After the departure of point guard Darius Morris (who has recently signed a contract to play for the Los Angeles Lakers), one of the biggest questions coming into the year was whether or not freshman point guard Trey Burke could come in and contribute. As we sit here just ten games into the season, the answer is a fairly confident yes. Trey is averaging 12.5 points per game off of 44% shooting, including 35% from three-point range. While he has scored double digit points in 8 of the first 10 games, he has shown that he is still a freshman, and freshmen do make mistakes. Those mistakes result in turnovers, and Burke is averaging 3 of them per game. Look for those turnover numbers to decrease in the next couple weeks as Trey gets his first taste of Big Ten basketball over break.

Bartelstein Blog: Ever wonder what it's like to live the life of a Michigan basketball player? Do you want to know the latest team news and jokes going around the locker room? Well look no further than the Bartelstein Blog, which can be found on MGoBlue.com. Josh gives us updates on events happening with the team as well as some light humor about the other players. For example, in this week's episode Bartelstein writes about Tim Hardaway, Jr. showing up to practice wrapped up in a scarf and the team's fantasy football league.

JORT OUT: This year the Maize Rage is trying to increase participation by organizing theme nights. The first theme night of the season will be our "Jort Out" held on January 8 against Wisconsin. The concept is simple, wear your favorite pair of jeans shorts. Rule of thumb: If you can't see the bottom of the pockets, your shorts are too long. Also, the tighter the better, and cut-offs are mandatory. If you have ideas for future theme nights contact President Sam Sedlecky at sedlecky@umich.edu.

Quick Reminder: This is the *MAIZE* Rage, please make a conscious effort to wear maize (or a costume or jersey) to all games.

***H-BOMB:** When Tim Hardaway Jr. hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Timmy" (Like Timmy from South Park).

Chants: Be steady and *DON'T SPEED UP*, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...

Offense:

-Here we go Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)
-Let's Go Michigan! (clap, clap, clap clap clap)
-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)
-Let's Go Blue! (clap)
-Go Blue! (clap clap)

Defense:

-De-fense! (clap clap)
-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!
-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!!)
-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

Upcoming games:

December 22	vs Bradley	6:30pm	The first break game that is not in your student ticket package.
December 28	vs Penn State	7:30pm	Big Ten season opener here at Crisler Arena.
January 1	vs Minnesota	4:00pm	The Golden Gophers come to Ann Arbor to celebrate the New Year!



STUDENTS! E-MAIL LIST: To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage tidbits, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or send an email to mcwillre@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

December 14: "So pleased about all the students that came out for the study break and cheered our Wolverines on #wedonttakeyouforgranted @UMMaizeRage"

December 14: "Who's looking for a study break? Give off some frustration? Come on over to Crisler arena as we have no "Quiet Hours". #FTF"

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